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IWRB SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT **ON SOUTH FORK CLEARWATER PLAN**

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The Idaho Water Resource Board wants to hear from the public about the draft South Fork Clearwater River Comprehensive State Water Plan, Board officials have announced.

The draft plan focuses on the conservation, development, management, and optimum use of unappropriated water resources and waterways in the basin. The basin covers over 1,175 square miles and is located in Idaho County.

The public comment period is currently open now and will remain open through the close of business on Nov. 17, 2003.

The plan describes and evaluates the water resources and related economic, cultural and natural resources of the basin, and their current uses. It contains the Board's recommendations for managing the water resources in the basin, and identifies stream reaches that will be proposed for protected river status. The plan also sets out stream reaches for which the Board will apply for minimum stream flows.

The draft plan is available on the internet at:
www.idwr.state.id.us/waterboard/Planning/SF%20Clearwater/South%20Fk.htm.

Electronic copies on CD and paper copies are also available and can be obtained by by contacting Thomas Grant at tgrant@idwr.state.id.us or at 208-327-7900.

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